

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
CONSULTANT SERVICES DIVISION
707 NORTH CALVERT STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

January 14, 2022

Contract No.: BCS 2021-23
Description: Geotechnical &
Highway Explorations and
Engineering Services-Statewide.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ADDENDUM NO. 3

To All Consultant Candidates:

Please be advised that the Expression of Interest due date for the contract has been changed from **January 13, 2022, by 12:00 PM (NOON).** The Expression of Interest are due on **January 18, 2022, by 12:00 PM (NOON).** Expression of Interests received after the deadline will not be accepted no matter how transmitted and will be returned unopened to the Consultant.

This addendum is being issued on the Advertisement for BCS 2021-23. All prospective Consultants must acknowledge the clarifications, revisions, additions and/or deletions listed below for this Expression of Interest Addendum No. 3 by signing, dating and attaching this addendum in the front of their Expression of Interest submittal. Failure to attach this signed and dated Addendum No. 1 in the Expression of Interest submittal may result in rejection.

PEN AND INK CHANGES

Please note that the following changes to the BCS 2021-23 Advertisement:

O1: A19: The EOI due date has changed from January 13, 2022, to January 17, 2022 by 12:00 PM (Noon).

C1: A19: The EOI due date has changed from January 13, 2022, to January 18, 2022 by 12:00 PM (Noon).

O2: D. Special Requirements

- Investment Activities in Iran:** As per State Finance and Procurement, State Government Article 17-701 – 17-707 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a firm engaging in investment activities with companies appearing on the Investment Activities in Iran list is ineligible for bid/proposal/award. The Investment Activities in Iran list is located at www.bpw.mdot.maryland.gov of the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) web site. As per the BPW Advisory No.: 2013-11, Date Issued January 1, 2013, an officer of the Prime/JV firm shall provide a signed original certification as per language listed on the BPW Advisory page.

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O3: Section H – Additional Information: This section shall be limited to one (1) page and must certify that the Key Staff individuals meet the education, experience, registration/licensure, expertise, and all other professional qualifications specified in this advertisement. Please exclude any confidential personal information. Any information presented in Section H will be considered in the evaluation of the EOI.

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CONSULTANT QUESTIONS

The following questions are written Expression of Interest Questions received prior to the deadline of 12:00 pm on December 30, 2021, from consultant candidates. The responses are provided for clarification to all candidate in bold after the questions:

Q1: Key Staff #4 requires an Environmental Specialist. Yet none of the task descriptions mention any environmental services? Please clarify the requirements for Key Staff #4, or clarify scope items that Key Staff #4 should perform.

A1: An Environmental Specialist is needed in certain geotechnical investigations for work related to proper site controls for erosion and runoff; proper handling and disposal of spoils and/or contaminated samples; and proper performance of work in/around wetlands and flood plains.

Q2: Addendum 2 was issued on Tuesday extending the due date. However, there were two references of the updated due date (January 17 and January 18) and the EMMA portal still shows January 13. Please clarify.

A2: eMMa has been corrected. The EOI due date has changed from January 13, 2022, to January 18, 2022 by 12:00 PM (Noon).

Q3: The first paragraph in Addendum No. 2 states the new due date as January 18, 2022, but A19 states January 17, 2022. Which one is correct?

A3: See C1 above

Q4: We wanted to confirm the date change in Addendum No. 2. The website is showing the close date as today (the 13th) and then the Addendum has two separate dates (first page states the 18th at noon and fifth page states 17th at noon).

A4: See C1 above

Q5: **Comment on Q27/A27:** The response provided by OPCM in **Q27/A27** on **page 7 of Addendum No. 2** (i.e. “Section H should only include the certification of Key Staff”) so significantly changes or contradicts the original instructions provided in the advertisement that we feel this response *should have been accompanied by a PEN AND INK CHANGE* to make it abundantly clear to all interested proposers what is allowed and what is not allowed in SF 330 Part I Section H. Except for the exclusion of “any confidential personal information,” the original advertisement does not prohibit other information being provided in SF 330 Part I Section H so long as the section certifies “that the Key Staff individuals meet the [. . .] qualifications specified in this advertisement.” In particular, the original advertisement states that “[a]ny information presented in Section H will be considered in the evaluation of the EOI.” We also note that the U.S Government Standard Form 330 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS for Part I Section H state: “Use this section to provide additional information specifically requested by the agency or to address selection criteria that are not covered by the information provided in Sections A-G.”

Question RE Q27/A27: Did OPCM intend to supersede (with its response at Q27/A27) the instructions provided in the original Advertisement BCS 2021-23 as well as the SF 330 instructions for Part I Section H? If so, will OPCM please consider making a PEN AND INK CHANGE so that it is equally clear to all interested proposers what is allowed in Section H of the SF 330 Part I?

A5: See C3 above

Q6: We also note that (at the time this email is being submitted) the Addendum No. 2 states on page 1 (“Expression of Interest are due on **January 18, 2022**”) while page 5 Q19/A19 states (“The EOI due date has changed [. . .] to **January 17, 2022**”) and the solicitation page on eMaryland Marketplace (emma) continues to show a Due/Close date of **January 13, 2022**. Question: If the Solicitation page within emma is updated to show one of the two dates mentioned in the Addendum No. 2, will this constitute a clarification by OPCM of which date was intended to be the actual due date?

A6: See C1 above

THE SIGNED ADDENDUM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE EOI PROPOSAL IN FRONT OF THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER.

Jada Wright
Jada J Wright, Director,
Office of Procurement and
Contract Management

January 15, 2022

Date

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addendum No. 3 for BCS 2021-23:

(Company)	(Signature-Authorized Official)	Title	Date
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General questions relating to this Addendum No. 3 may be directed to OPCM@mdot.maryland.gov . The time period for questions has expired; therefore, no additional questions will be accepted or answered by MDOT SHA.